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TWO NEW CDs TO ASSIST THE FORGING BUYER; DESIGN ENGINEER

2004 CUSTOM FORGING CAPABILITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY ON CD & NEW CUSTOMER EDUCATION CD DETAILS *THE FORGING ADVANTAGE*

CLEVELAND, OHIO -- Forging Industry Association (FIA) is pleased to announce availability of the new **2004 Custom Forging Capability Guide** ... now for the first time on CD-ROM. It is intended to assist designers and buyers of forgings in locating reputable suppliers in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The Guide features detailed information on the majority of North American custom forging producer plants including: location; major equipment and size ratings; weight capabilities; other forging capabilities; and metals processed. A "Special Capabilities" column further defines forging company capabilities, making it easier for customers to select prospective sources.

The CD also contains several new features not available in the previously printed versions: keyword search; quick search by company, material or process; and a direct link to the Request for Quote section of the FIA website.

A fully searchable version of this guide is available free of charge on FIA's Web Site: www.forging.org. Click on *Buyers Guide*.

The Forging Advantage CD presents the forging process in a fast paced, easily understood format going beyond the written word to educate and inform. Advanced graphics, video, photographs, voice over and music present forging as never seen before! Interactive means engineers and buyers will access the information they want quickly, in an electronic format they use. Always on screen will be a Learning Library linking the user to the fundamentals of the forging process. Or, the CD may be used in a logical 'drill down' progression, enabling users to seek more depth and breadth of information if they desire.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Both CDs are available to your qualified US., Canadian and Mexican readers at no charge. Please feel free to place notice of availability in your free literature department.

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Forging Industry Association is comprised of 113 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for about 63% of the custom forging volume produced annually. Forged metal parts are pressed, pounded or rolled into countless configurations, and used for critical applications in the aerospace, automotive, construction, materials handling, ordnance, hand tool, agricultural and industrial equipment industries -- to name a few! In addition, 83 firms supplying equipment, materials or technical services to the forging industry are also members of FIA. The Association, with its predecessor organizations, has served the metal forging industry since 1913.